

In the claims:

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Claims 1 cancelled.

2. (Currently amended) A socket as defined in claim 4~~5~~, wherein said opening with said recesses in said portion of said socket body has six said radially inner points and twelve radially outer points, each of said recesses having a radially outer surface extending between two neighboring ones of said radially outer points.

3. (Currently amended) A socket as defined in claim 2, wherein said opening with said recesses has a shape which substantially corresponds to a shape of an opening with twelve points, ~~in which each second inwardly extending point is removed~~ in which successively one of said radially inner points is removed while a next of said radially points is retained.

4. (Currently amended) A socket as defined in claim 4~~5~~, wherein said socket body has another axial portion which is spaced from said first mentioned axial portion and is provided with means for connecting to a tool for tightening or loosening the threaded connector.

5. (New) A socket for tightening, loosening or holding a hexagonal part underneath a substantially equally sized hexagonal nut,

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comprising a socket body having an axial portion to be applied on the hexagonal part, said axial portion having an inner opening provided with six radially outwardly extending recesses each having, as considered in a circumferential direction, at least one flank adapted to interact with at least one side of the hexagonal part, said opening with said recesses in said portion of said socket body having radially inner points and radially outer points, said recesses being formed so that when said axial portion of said socket body is applied on the hexagonal part and the equally sized hexagonal nut is circumferentially offset relative to the hexagonal part so that the hexagonal nut does not allow an axial removal of the portion of the socket body in an axial direction since it overlaps the radially inner points, said socket body can be turned in the circumferential direction and the hexagonal nut no longer overlaps the radially inner points to allow the removal of the axial portion of the socket body from the hexagonal part and past the hexagonal nut.

6. (New) A socket as defined in claim 2, wherein said radially outer surface between said two neighboring radially outer points of each of said recesses extends over an angle of substantially 30°.